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Copies of the listed documents are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

An English abstract of Japanese Patent Publication No. 08-215611 is attached. The reference also is discussed at page 1 of the specification. An English abstract of Japanese Patent Publication No. 09-220497 is attached. On information and belief, Japanese Patent Publication No. 62-286566 relates to technology for a bell cup in the technical field of the present invention.

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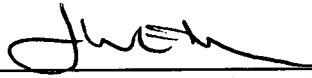
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